Outlay incurred on photo identity cards

1768. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total outlay incurred till now to issue photo identity cards to electors and the breakdown of this outlay according to States and Union Territories;

(b) the formula for sharing this cost between the centre and States and the Union Territories; and

(c) whether representations have been received from the States for a change in this formula?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R BHARDWAJ): (a) Details of total outlay released by the Central Government on issue of photo identity cards to electors and its breakdown according to the States and Union Territories with legislature are given in a Statement which is laid on the Table of the House. *(See* below) Similar information in regard to other Union Territories is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) As per the direction of the Election Commission, Central Government has agreed to reimburse 50% of the cost of issuance of photo identity cards.

(c) Although certain State had asked for higher allocations for implementing the Scheme, yet Central Government has decided to go by the directions of the Election Commission which stipulate 50% reimbursement of the cost on issuance of photo identity cards.

Statement

Total outlay released by Central Govt. on issue of Photo Identity cards to its electors and the break down of this outlay state-wise and Union Territory-wise

S. No.	Name of the State Govt.	Amount released in 1994-95	Amount released in 1995-96	Total amount released upto date (2+3)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17,71,37,000	9,87,63,000	27,59,00,000
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	93,46,120	—	93,46,120
3.	Assam	5,49,20,000	—	5,49,20,000
4.	Bihar	22,76,00,000	—	22,76,00,000
5.	Delhi (with legislature)	2,94,21,000	—	2,94,21,000
6.	Goa	31,93,000	—	31,93,000
7.	Gujarat	12,25,84,508	—	12,25,84,508
8.	Haryana	5,13,34,000	—	5,13,34,000
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2,15,61,000	—	2,15,61,000
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	1,69,07,000**	—	1,69,07,000**
11.	Karnataka	13,52,92,000	—	13,52,92,000
12.	Kerala	7,50,00,000	—	7,50,00,000

** The amount has been allowed to be utilised for other electoral expenses as the scheme of issuance of photo identity cards to voters introduced by the Election Commission, has not been made applicable by the Commission in the case of Jammu & Kashmir.

S. No.	Name of the State Govt.	Amount released in 1994-95	Amount released in 1995-96	Total amount released upto date (2+3)
13.	Madhya Pradesh	16,08,14,000	—	16,08,14,000
14.	Meghalaya	1,01,67,000	—	1,01,67,000
15.	Mizoram	15,70,000	—	15,70,000
16.	Manipur	1,40,72,244	—	1,40,72,244
17.	Maharashtra	20,49,59,884	—	20,49,59,884
18.	Nagaland	32,52,000	—	32,52,000
19.	Orissa	8,44,78,244	—	8,44,78,244
20.	Pondicherry (with legislature)	35,93,000	—	35,93,000
21.	Punjab	5,53,07,000	—	5,53,07,000
22.	Rajasthan	11,36,00,000	—	11,36,00,000
23.	Sikkim	21,93,000	—	21,93,000
24.	Tamil Nadu	16,17,05,000	—	16,17,05,000
25.	Tripura	66,93,000	—	66,93,000
26.	Uttar Pradesh	36,84,00,000	—	36,84,00,000
27.	West Bengal	13,50,00,000	—	13,50,00,000
	TOTAL :	225,01,00,000	9,87,63,000	234,88,63,000

Technology used in LCA

1769. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Light Combat Aircraft TD-1, the prototype of which was rolled out on 19th November, 1995 at Bangalore, was combat worthy with all fly-by-wire controls;

(b) whether the technology of LCA-TD-1 is obsolete in the present military scenario and decades behind the Mirage-2000 and F-16;

(c) whether TD-1 Prototype will be air-worthy before March 1996; and

(d) whether the prototype engine is American, the design and avionics are French and the gadgetry and multi-mode radar are also sourced from abroad and how soon our own Kaveri engine will be ready for trials on this prototype TD-1?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) This aircraft has been designed and fabricated to be air and combat worthy. These aspects will be a evaluated under a series of ground and flight tests. The first LCA flight is scheduled in the last quarter of 1996.

(b) No, Sir. The technologies incorporated in LCA are contemporary and state-of-the-art and are at par with front-ranking aircraft of same weight class under development such as JAS 39 in Sweden. EFA in Europe and Rafale in France, Mirage-2000 and F-16 are, however, of higher weight class.

(c) Ground tests on the first LCA to establish its conformance with air-worthiness criteria are expected to be completed by November 1996 after which